

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LUSAKA 00551 271406Z

65 60

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-10 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 /073 W

----- 005000

R 271307Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1416

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0551

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, SF, ZA, US, UK, FR

SUBJECT: MCBRIDE PRESSES FOR URGENT SAG NEGOTIATING POSITION ON  
NAMIBIA

1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR THE NAMIBIA, SEAN MCBRIDE, CALLED  
ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 26 MAINLY TO SPARK USG INTEREST IN  
URGENCY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE SOMETHING  
ON NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN MEETING MAY 31  
DEADLINE IMPOSED BY UN RESOLUTION. FELT OAU FOREIGN  
MINISTERS MEETING AT DAR APRIL 7-9 LENT URGENCY TO PROBLEM  
AS SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES, EGGED ON BY ARABS, PLAN TO PRESS

FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEVELOP CONSENSUS  
BEFORE MAY 31 DEADLINE.

2. MCBRIDE HOPES USG WILL FIND OCCASION TO RAISE MAY 31  
DEADLINE WITH SOUTH AFRICANS AS ONE WAY OF GETTING THEM TO  
APPRECIATE URGENCY OF MATTER. AT SAME TIME MCBRIDE HOPES  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LUSAKA 00551 271406Z

TO ENLIST HELP OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA SO THAT ZAMBIAN REPS WILL

RAISE NAMIBIA QUESTION AT NEXT MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS WHO ENGAGED IN ONGOING TALKS ON RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. I SUGGESTED THIS APPEARED TO BE BEST AND MOST DIRECT COURSE.

3. MCBRIDE OF VIEW THAT UN AND SAG NEGOTIATING POSITIONS ON NAMIBIA ARE NOT ALL THAT FAR APART. VORSTER HAS SAID, "WE DON'T CLAIM ONE INCH OF THE NAMIBIA AND WANT TO GET THEM OFF OUR BACKS; FURTHER, FUTURE OF THAT AREA SHOULD BE DECIDED BY PEOPLES OF SOUTHWEST AFRICA." UN POSITION IS THERE SHOULD BE ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY UNDER UN SUPERVISION. NEGOTIABLE AREA IS THUS OVER WHO -- UN OR SOUTH AFRICA -- RUNS THE ELECTIONS. VORSTER IN 1970 APPARENTLY CONCEDED THAT INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE COULD SUPERVISE A REFERENDUM IN AREA (NEVER HELD), WITH THIS USEFUL PRECEDENT VORSTER MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO GIVE UP HIS POSITION ON BANTUSTANS IN NAMIBIA AND JOINT UN AND SAG SUPERVISION.

4. MCBRIDE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED URGENCY OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION WITH QUAI D'ORSAY IN PARIS LAST WEEK AND FRENCH AGREEABLE TO PUSH SOUTH AFRICANS. MCBRIDE, IN SEEKING BRITISH SUPPORT, APPARENTLY THROUGH UK HIGH COMMISSION IN LUSAKA, FOUND BRITISH SKITTISH ABOUT APPROACHING SOUTH AFRICANS, ALTHOUGH CLAIMING BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SINCE CALLAGHAN'S VISIT.  
WILKOWSKI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEETING AGENDA, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975LUSAKA00551  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750108-0434  
**From:** LUSAKA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750310/aaaaaiqe.tel  
**Line Count:** 88  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <27 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MCBRIDE PRESSES FOR URGENT SAG NEGOTIATING POSITION ON NAMIBIA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, SF, ZA, US, UK, FR, UNGA  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006